

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR HELPING FARMERS
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the North-Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFC) has prepared any scheme in order to help the farmers through micro - credit in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) the amount of funds allocated to the farmers by NEDFC Ltd. during the last two years, till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): While there are no schemes of the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFI) specifically designed to help farmers directly through micro credit, NEDFI are helping farmers by accommodating their proposals under schemes like Micro Finance (MF), North East Entrepreneur Development Scheme (NEEDS) and Women Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (WEDS).

(c): NEDFI does not make sectoral fund allocations under any Scheme. However, disbursements made for agriculture and allied activities under all the aforesaid schemes, during the last two years and the current year are as follows:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
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2005-06	1.31
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2006-07	1.08
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2007-08 (till 13.03.2008)	0.45
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